

Washington, D. C.
July 21, 1975

I, J. Gordon Shanklin, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Assistant Director H. N. Bassett and Inspector J. Allison Conley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have reviewed copies of the sworn statement of July 15, 1975, from Nannie Lee Fenner, the sworn statements of Special Agent Kenneth C. Howe, both dated July 16, 1975, at San Diego, California, the sworn statement of Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr., dated July 17, 1975, at Kansas City, Missouri, and the sworn statement of Kyle G. Clark dated July 18, 1975, at New York, New York. The following is my statement relative to the information contained in above-referred-to sworn statements.

I was Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from April 22, 1963, until my retirement on June 27, 1975.

I have reviewed the statement of Nannie Lee Fenner, who was receptionist in the Dallas Office in November, 1963. It is noted that Mrs. Fenner does not claim that the matters which she furnished were ever brought to my attention by her. I have no recollection of the information furnished in her statement ever being brought to my attention until approximately two and a half weeks ago.

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I have also had the opportunity to read the statements of Kenneth C. Howe. It is noted that he indicates he brought certain information either to the attention of me or Assistant Special Agent in Charge Clark, but he is unable to state which. I can state categorically that I have no knowledge or independent recollection of Howe ever bringing the matters he mentions to my attention either before or after the assassination.

I have carefully reviewed the sworn seven-page statement of Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr. I have no independent knowledge of Hosty ever discussing Oswald being at the office, leaving a note for him, or certainly I was never shown any note by Hosty or Howe or anyone else. I can state unequivocally that I never told Hosty or anyone to destroy any note. After reading Hosty's description of the note, if there was one and if it had been brought to my attention, I certainly would have instructed that the same be included in an appropriate report. There would have been no embarrassment as far as I can see to the Bureau or to anyone except possibly Hosty for not handling it a little more expeditiously.

I do recall that sometime subsequent to the assassination information came to my attention that Oswald may have been seen in a garage immediately adjacent to the Dallas Office. I don't know who brought this to my attention but one of the objectives of the investigation at that particular time was to try to account for Oswald's every move with particular reference to establishing whether there was a connection between Oswald and Ruby. I do know that I

ordered this matter to be investigated.

J. Gordon Shanklin
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
on July 21, 1975, at Washington, D. C.

Harold N. Bassett
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